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To Interested Parties and Transmission Customers:

We're asking in November for your thoughts on "Reliability and the Future of Transmission Costs." We want to know what you think about the level of spending needed to support a reliable and open Northwest federal transmission system. The Transmission Business Line plans to hold workshops to talk about programs to:

- Maintain system reliability at a level commensurate with federal and regional guidelines;
- Improve areas where transmission constraints diminish the ability of market participants to move their product through the federal transmission system;
- Continue to expand fiber optic infrastructure for the communications that operate the system;
- Meet local load growth;
- Address an aging workforce and attract new, skilled employees; and
- Replace aging equipment.

Please plan to attend one or more of the following meetings. All run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Kennewick – November 15, 1999, Cavanaugh's of Columbia Center, 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd., (509) 783-0611

Idaho Falls – November 16, 1999, Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., (208) 523-0088

Seattle – November 22, 1999, Hilton Seattle Airport, 17620 Pacific Highway South, (206) 244-4800

Spokane – November 23, 1999, Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park, 303 W. North River Drive, (509) 362-8000

Portland – November 30, 1999, Embassy Suites Portland Airport, 7900 N.E. 82nd Ave., (503) 460-3000

Look in your mailbox next week for a *Keeping Current* with more information. It and all handouts for the meetings will be posted under "Reliability and the Future of Transmission Costs" in the News and Events on the TBL website (<http://www.transmission.bpa.gov>).

If you have any questions, please contact your Transmission Account Executive, or Linda Hunziker at (360) 418-8232/e-mail llhunziker@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark W. Maher

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